AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method of carrying out plastic processing, comprising:

~~involving~~ stretching ~~on~~ a metal shell of a disc cartridge ~~comprising a magnetic disc housed for rotation in a flat casing having the metal shell~~ or ~~on~~ another metal plate member of the metal shell, ~~wherein the improvement comprises the step of~~ and

forming a slit ~~in advance~~, prior to stretching, in a part of the metal shell or the other metal plate member on which the plastic processing is to be carried out,

wherein the disc cartridge comprises a magnetic disc housed for rotation in a flat casing.

2. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The method as defined in Claim 1 in which the plastic processing is barring and a plurality of the slit~~slits~~ are formed about a hole to be formed prior to the barring.

3. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The method as defined in Claim 2 in which the housing is provided with an opening for giving access to the disc housed therein to a recording/reproducing head of a drive system and a rotary shutter which opens and closes the opening, and the rotary shutter is mounted for rotation on the metal shell by way of a tubular shaft which is formed by barring.

4. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The method as defined in Claim 1 in which the plastic processing involving stretching is drawing.

5. (currently amended) A disc cartridge comprising:

a magnetic disc housed for rotation in a flat casing having a metal shell, the housing being provided with an opening for giving access to the magnetic disc housed therein to a recording/reproducing head of a drive system; and

a rotary shutter being mounted for rotation on the metal shell to open and close the opening,

wherein, the rotary shutter is supported for rotation on the metal shell by way of a tubular shaft which is formed on the metal shell by barring and is provided with a slit in ~~the~~ a free end portion thereof.